REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	25 May 1996
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Im Reich Des Schmerzes
Other Known Titles:	Bizarr - Im Reich Des Schmerzes
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Slick
Country of Origin:	Germany
Language:	German

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video slick presents close-up depictions of the torture of a male in a sexualised fashion. Males are presented as bound and naked, and subjected to acts of extreme violence within the context of a publication promoting the activities for the purposes of the sexual arousal of the viewer. It is considered that the manner of the presentation of these activities tends to promote and support acts of torture or the infliction of extreme violence. The availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good. The publication is therefore deemed objectionable.

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